

## Correspondence.

## AURELIA, IOWA.

DEC. 26, 1893.—S. J. HARRISON, DEAR BRO. Your statement that only the number of Annuals ordered before January 1st, 1894, will be printed compels me to say print one for me. You know I could not do without one.

I notice the blue mark across my EVANGELIST means I now have all I paid for. I must have The King's Children, Brethren Annual, and EVANGELIST.

We have had a protracted effort of several weeks continuance but without any immediate results. We labored under great disadvantages. My own health was against us. A number of our members were on the sick list. Among them some of our best workers have been compelled to remain away from the services. Then the weather was not favorable, sixteen degrees below zero on Thanksgiving seems low down to one who has lived in southern Nebraska over twenty years. Upon the whole, our meetings have done much good in different ways. The members who could attend were much strengthened spiritually. The cause also gained strength in general. And we feel that the way is opened for another effort under more favorable circumstances.

Sister Devore, who has been seriously ill for about six weeks is much better. This makes us all feel good.

Last Sunday I spent at Marcus. By arrangement I go there once every four weeks. Owing to continued rain Saturday and Sunday we could not have any services.

I hope our publishing interests as well as school may be remembered the coming year. The EVANGELIST does not seem to be patronized here by the members as it was in the Beaver City church. Last year about 27 copies made their weekly visit to Beaver City. Less than 1/4 that number are now coming to Aurelia. We trust a greater number of copies may be read here the coming year. We will see what can be done.

I am pleased with first number of King's Children. Think it will fill a place among our people long needed. The work is nicely divided between Brethren Talley and Miller. To my mind each occupies just the right place in the different departments of King's Children. The paper should have a place in every family of our Brotherhood, as well as many families out side. We can only hope to succeed with our claims upon the world, as a church, by the use of the printing press, as well as every other available means. If I am a member of the Brethren church, in this intelligent age, I should know distinctly why. If the Gospel defines your church relation as it should, our friends should know our Gospel reasons.

Every brother and sister should be a power for the cause of Christ in the Brethren church in all her differ-

ent departments of work, and feel that the success or failure of any part may be due to the work of each individual in the church. This letter is growing on my hands. I do not wish to be tedious to you. May God bless you. Hoping and praying for a prosperous year to the Brethren church and its dear people every where, I am ever yours in Christ.

C. TORNEY.

## SPIRITUAL JOTTINGS.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—The blessed work is still moving on here. When we see how gladly men and women accept the "whole Gospel," our hearts ache to establish a number of Brethren churches in this city. We ought to push our work more in the cities. Any man with ordinary sense, unprejudiced, unbiased who will unselfishly preach the whole Gospel fearlessly and uncompromisingly and live accordingly will surely succeed in the cities. There is a large class of people looking for Gospel freedom, that will accept the truth. Sinners as well as many honest members of other churches anxiously accept the principles of the Gospel. Many are also convinced but are not willing to sacrifice the rich popular churches and come with us.

Sunday evening the seventeenth, we baptized two men; one had drank for thirty years. He came intoxicated to church. We talked to him, we prayed with him, he accepted Christ, he is now clothed in his right mind, living happily with his wife, and we believe will make a good Christian. He said he often tried to quit drinking, but in his own strength. This time he took the Lord, and the Lord has taken away his appetite for drink. He now has shoes on his feet, his feet were on the ground. He now has clothes, he was almost naked. He now has work, he was out of work, had no where to lay his head, sometimes walked the street all night. We hope and pray the Lord will keep him faithful.

Last night one young lady who was faithfully serving God the best she knew how, after hearing the ordinances preached felt that she ought to obey them. She came opposed by mother and all her former friends. We trust she will come out like gold tried in fire.

"Gospel alone doctrine," is giving some of our neighboring churches trouble. They are beginning to advertise us, even from the pulpit, for which we are thankful. Men and women from other churches knock for admittance and because we do not refuse to take them they are accusing us of proselyting. We try to follow strictly the golden rule, yet we confess the accusation, when looked at from the surface seems plausible, because we have received members, from the German Baptist Brethren, Methodist, Evangelical, Episcopal, Church of England, Lutheran, Reform, Baptist, Church of

God, etc. But it is the position we take that causes this influx. We baptized three last night, making five since last report.

We feel much revived, we hope and pray the work will continue to prosper.

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Philadelphia Pa.

## KECKSBURG, PA.

DEC. 24, '93. DEAR EVANGELIST:—Bro. John G. Snider commenced a protracted effort on Nov. 5, continued one week, when he took sick and went home. He returned Nov. 25, and continued till Nov. 30. One precious soul was added to the fold of Christ by baptism, and the church was built up on spiritual food. The brethren at this, (Mt. Vernon) church, organized a prayer meeting. December 6. Bro. Snider went to Jone's Mills, commenced a protracted effort at the Bare Rock school house, and continued nine days, with no accessions. But the church at that point was much revived.

May God bless the brethren and sisters at Bare Rock; and may the good seed sown by Bro. Snider, bring forth much fruit not many days hence. We feel that there ought to be, and can be much good work accomplished in due season. Dec. 22, Bro. Snider came to Mt. Vernon, and preached on Saturday evening. On Sunday evening Dec. 24, held communion services, which will long be remembered by the brethren and sisters at that place. The congregation was large, but the best of order prevailed. From here, Bro. Snider returns to Jone's Mills to commence a protracted effort. As we expect to move to Hollidaysburg, Pa., about March 15, our labors will soon close in Westmoreland co.

Bro. J. F. Koontz, please take notice that I am liable to drop in at New Enterprise at any time, after the above date. I suppose I will find the latch string out at any time. Also Altoona, please notice that we soon expect to form our acquaintance with you. If any of the brethren of the above named churches wishes to correspond with me, please address me at Lock Box B, Kecksburg, Pa., till March 15, 1894. The Lord willing, we also expect to stop at Johnstown, a few days, to visit friends and old acquaintances. The field at Altoona being large, no doubt I might cast a few Gospel seeds which might germinate in the near future. Behold, the harvest is great and the laborers are few. May the Lord abundantly bless the laborers there, and elsewhere, is the prayer of your unworthy servant in Christ.

J. M. RITTER.

## FROM GRETNA, OHIO.

DECEMBER 28, 1893.—The Lord be praised. On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, I began a series of meetings at the Gretna church, Logan Co., Ohio.

Continued two weeks, at which time Bro. Isaac Ross, of Buckeye City, came to our assistance, and closed on Sunday eve, Dec. 22nd. The immediate result was, ten additions, one by relation and nine by baptism. The church is much built up and feels greatly encouraged.

This church has had her dark hours. It was organized by Bro. I. Killhefner and in a few short months after organization, Bro. Killhefner was called by our Heavenly Father, to a higher clime; thus leaving them for a while without a pastor. But those dark clouds have passed away and sunlight shines again upon the Gretna church. May her members still press onward and labor still more earnestly for the advancement of the cause of Christ, and for the conversion of souls. The meetings were well attended. Good congregations and good attention, and closed with some who were almost persuaded to be Christians. Thus it is, some will say, "go thy way for this time, when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee."

Give God the praise for the work he did.

A. J. BAUGHMAN. Pastor.

## PHILADELPHIA, PA.

DEC. 19th, '93.—I am very much in favor of changing the form of the paper, and will give one dollar toward it. I am sorry it was not always put up in sixteen page form. I am keeping all my papers. I have the Progressive Christian's from beginning. I can give any reference from beginning of the progressive movement by H. R. Holsinger, to the present.

Very respectfully and fraternally,  
H. C. CASSEL.

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## SPRINGDALE, WASH.

Your weekly advent in our home is always hailed with joy, and your blessed truths read with pleasure. We who are isolated can truly appreciate the Word as taught in your columns. Every week brings good tidings of work done by brothers and sisters who are dear to us by the ties of Christian love. And, ever and anon, some dear one is called home to the land beyond. We hear it through the paper, and mourn for them, though we are aware that mortal man must die before he can put on immortality.

I should like so much to belong to the S. S. C. E. but my husband and I are the only members of the Brethren church here. I miss prayer meeting so much. People here are very indifferent about religious gatherings, that is the majority. We have some earnest Christians.

Tomorrow is thanksgiving. Let us stop and think what all we have to be thankful for. Good health, a cheerful home, enough for our temporal needs, and last and best of all, the blessed hope in our dear Savior.

What a pleasure it would be to meet